

=====JUNE 1, 2010

*******BREAST CANCER VACCINE (:20)**

SCIENTISTS WORKING ON A VACCINE TO PREVENT BREAST CANCER SAY RESULTS SO FAR ARE "PROMISING." RESEARCHERS AT OHIO'S CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUND MICE ENGINEERED TO BE PRONE TO BREAST CANCER NEVER DEVELOPED THE DISEASE AFTER THEY WERE VACCINATED. RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT A SINGLE VACCINATION WITH THE ANTIGEN A-LACTALBUMIN PREVENTS BREAST CANCER TUMORS FROM FORMING IN MICE, WHILE ALSO INHIBITING THE GROWTH OF ALREADY EXISTING TUMORS. THE HOPE IS THAT THIS VACCINE WILL SOMEDAY BE USED TO PREVENT BREAST CANCER IN ADULT WOMEN IN THE SAME WAY THAT VACCINES PREVENT POLIO AND MEASLES IN CHILDREN. RESEARCHERS SAY HUMAN TRIALS COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR.

=====JUNE 3, 2010

=====06/07/10

=====BP says it will burn off some oil captured in Gulf (20 SEC)

BP PLC SAYS IT WILL GET RID OF SOME OF THE OIL BEING RECAPTURED FROM A SPILL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO BY BURNING IT OFF. THE RIG CARRYING THE BURNER WILL BE MOVED AWAY FROM THE MAIN LEAK SITE SO FLAMES AND HEAT DO NOT ENDANGER OTHER VESSELS. BP SPOKESMAN ROBERT WINE SAYS THE COMPANY WILL ALSO BOOST CAPACITY BY BRINGING IN A FLOATING PLATFORM IT BELIEVES CAN PROCESS MOST OF THE FLOW. HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN IT WOULD ARRIVE. THE CURRENT EQUIPMENT BEING USED AT THE SURFACE TO COLLECT THE SPILLED OIL IS BELIEVED TO BE NEARING ITS DAILY CAPACITY.

=====06/12/10

=====OBESITY AND PREGANANCY (15 SEC)

OBESE WOMEN HAVE FOUR TIMES AS MANY UNPLANNED PREGNANCIES AS HEALTHY-WEIGHT WOMEN DESPITE HAVING LESS SEX, AND OBESE MEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE SEXUAL DISEASES DESPITE FEWER PARTNERS, SCIENTISTS SAID ON WEDNESDAY. IN A STUDY SHOWING HOW OBESITY CAN HARM SEXUAL HEALTH, FRENCH AND BRITISH RESEARCHERS ALSO FOUND THAT OBESE WOMEN ARE LESS LIKELY TO ASK FOR CONTRACEPTIVE ADVICE OR USE THE PILL, AND OBESE MEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER FROM ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION.

=====06-14-2010

THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IS CASTING A HARD EYE AT MEDICAL RADIATION BECAUSE OF EVIDENCE THAT AMERICANS GET TOO MUCH OF IT FROM TESTS. THE AVERAGE AMERICAN'S DOSE HAS GROWN SIXFOLD IN THE PAST FEW DECADES. AMERICANS GET THE MOST MEDICAL RADIATION IN THE WORLD, ACCOUNTING FOR HALF OF THE MOST ADVANCED PROCEDURES THAT USE RADIATION. THE CONSEQUENCES OF TOO MUCH RADIATION OFTEN DON'T SHOW UP FOR YEARS. AND THERE ARE NO FEDERAL RULES ON ADIATION DOSE, EXCEPT FOR MAMMOGRAMS. THE FDA IS LOOKING AT WAYS TO REDUCE AND KEEP TRACK OF A PERSON'S EXPOSURE. ONE IDEA IS TO REQUIRE DEVICE MAKERS TO PRINT THE RADIATION DOSE ON EACH X-RAY OR OTHER IMAGE. THE FDA IS ALSO PUSHING INDUSTRY AND DOCTORS TO SET STANDARD DOSES FOR COMMON TESTS SUCH AS CT SCANS.

=====JUNE 15- 2010

=====J&J RECALL (20 SEC)

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, THE COMPANY SAID IT HAS RECALLED FOUR ADDITIONAL LOTS OF BENADRYL ALLERGY TABLETS AND ONE LOT OF EXTRA STRENGTH TYLENOL GELS. THE DIVERSIFIED HEALTHCARE COMPANY, IN A PRESS RELEASE, SAID IT WAS RECALLING THE LOTS AFTER INADVERTENTLY FAILING TO INCLUDE THEM IN A WIDER RECALL OF OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS ON JANUARY 15.

=====06/16/10

=====LEUKEMIA AND CORD BLOOD TRANSPLANTS (18 SEC)

ADULT PATIENTS WITH LEUKEMIA FARE JUST AS WELL WHEN THEY GET STEM CELL TRANSPLANTS TAKEN FROM A CORD BLOOD BANK AS THEY DO FROM A WELL-SUITED ADULT DONOR, U.S. RESEARCHERS SAID. THEY SAID UMBILICAL CORD TRANSPLANTS ARE A VIABLE OPTION FOR ADULTS WITH LEUKEMIA WHO URGENTLY NEED A BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT TO REPLACE CELLS DESTROYED BY CHEMOTHERAPY OR RADIATION TREATMENTS, BUT CANNOT FIND A DONOR.

=====06/17/10

=====DOGS PLUS POLLUTANTS MAY RAISE ASTHMA RISK IN KIDS (18 sec)

KIDS WHO GROW UP WITH A DOG IN THE HOUSE MAY BE AT HIGHER RISK OF DEVELOPING ASTHMA IF THEY'RE ALSO EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND SMOKE OR NITROGEN DIOXIDE, NEW RESEARCH SHOWS. CHILDREN EXPOSED TO THE TOXIC GAS AND TO DOG ALLERGEN DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF LIFE WERE NEARLY FIVE TIMES AS LIKELY TO HAVE ASTHMA AT AGE 7 COMPARED TO KIDS WITH NEITHER EXPOSURE, WHILE DOG ALLERGEN PLUS SECONDHAND SMOKE NEARLY TRIPLED THE RISK.

=====06/18/10

=====FEMALE VIAGRA FDA REVIEW (20 SEC)

A FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION REVIEW CONCLUDES A POSSIBLE "FEMALE VIAGRA" PILL PRODUCED ONLY SLIGHT IMPROVEMENTS FOR TREATING HYPOACTIVE SEXUAL DESIRE OR HSDD. THE FINDINGS RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WELL FLIBANSERIN WILL ACTUALLY WORK IN TREATING PREMENOPAUSAL WOMEN WITH LOW SEX DRIVE. AN FDA ADVISORY PANEL WILL VOTE FRIDAY ON THE DRUG'S EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY.

=====MONDAY 6/21/2010

=====NE- TO VOTE ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION MEASURES (18 SEC)
RESIDENTS OF THE EASTERN NEBRASKA CITY OF FREMONT WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO BAN HIRING OR RENTING PROPERTY TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. ANGERED BY THE POOR ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAWS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION THAT HAS SEEN AN

INFLUX OF HISPANIC WORKERS TO THE AREA, PROPONENTS HAVE FOUGHT FOR TWO YEARS TO GET THE ORDINANCE TO THE BALLOT. IF IT IS APPROVED, THE ORDINANCE WILL SUBJECT ALL RENTERS TO CHECKS BY CITY OFFICIALS AND IMPOSE FINES ON EMPLOYERS WHO DON'T VERIFY THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF THEIR WORKERS. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE, EMOTIONS STIRRED BY THE ISSUE AMONG THE COMMUNITY OF 25,000 WILL NOT SETTLE QUICKLY.

=====06/22/2010

=====LARGE STUDY FINDS NO CELL PHONE MAST LINK TO CANCER (20 SEC)

BRITISH SCIENTISTS WHO CONDUCTED THE LARGEST STUDY YET INTO CELL PHONE MASTS AND CHILDHOOD CANCERS SAY THAT LIVING CLOSE TO A MAST DOES NOT INCREASE THE RISK OF A PREGNANT WOMAN'S BABY DEVELOPING CANCER. IN A STUDY LOOKING AT ALMOST 7,000 CHILDREN AND PATTERNS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CANCERS ACROSS BRITAIN, THE RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT THOSE WHO DEVELOPED CANCER BEFORE THE AGE OF FIVE WERE NO MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN BORN CLOSE TO A MAST THAN THEIR PEERS.

=====6/23/10

=====COFFEE CAN CUT RISK FOR SOME HEAD, NECK CANCERS (18 SEC)

A NEW STUDY SUGGESTS COFFEE ISN'T JUST GOOD FOR GETTING YOU STARTED IN THE MORNING. IT FOUND DRINKING MORE THAN FOUR CUPS OF JOE A DAY MAY LOWER THE RISK OF SOME HEAD AND NECK CANCERS. THE CANCERS THAT SHOWED DECREASED RISK WERE ORAL CAVITY AND PHARYNX CANCERS. RESEARCHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH LOOKED AT EXISTING STUDIES AND ANALYZED HOW MUCH COFFEE WAS CONSUMED BY MORE THAN FIVE-THOUSAND CANCER PATIENTS AND ABOUT NINE-THOUSAND HEALTHY PEOPLE.

=====6/24/10

=====WHOOPIING COUGH EPIDEMIC (15 SEC)

CALIFORNIA HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE SOUNDING THE ALARM THAT WHOOPING COUGH HAS REACHED EPIDEMIC LEVELS IN THE STATE, AND THEY'RE URGING EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE IMMUNIZED. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THERE HAVE BEEN 910 WHOOPING COUGH CASES THIS YEAR, COMPARED TO 200 LAST YEAR. AND FIVE BABIES UNDER THE AGE OF THREE MONTHS HAVE DIED.

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=====June 25, 2010

=====AZ-COMPANY RAID (20 SEC)

DISTRAUGHT FRIENDS CALLED OUT AS MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES TAKE AWAY SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES. DEPUTIES RAIDED PARKS AND SONS OF SUN CITY -- AT ITS MAINTENANCE YARD IN EL MIRAGE AND ITS MAIN OFFICE IN YOUNGTOWN. SEVEN PEOPLE -- INCLUDING TWO DISCOVERED HIDING IN A DUMPSTER -- WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. AND INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY ARE CHECKING OUT ABOUT 40 OTHER WORKERS. AUTHORITIES SAY THE RAID COMES AFTER AN EIGHT-MONTH INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING

ANONYMOUS TIPS FROM OTHER WORKERS.

=====JUNE 27, 2010
=====KELLOGG'S RECALL (18 SEC)

THEY'RE CRUNCHY AND SWEET...USUALLY.BUT IF THERE'S AN ODD TASTE, DUMP YOUR BOWL OF CEREAL. KELLOGG'S IS ISSUING A VOLUNTARY RECALL ON MILLIONS OF BOXES OF CEREAL. IT INCLUDES APPLE JACKS, CORN POPS, FROOT LOOPS AND HONEY SMACKS. KELLOGG'S DETECTED A SUBSTANC IN THE PACKAGE LINER THAT'S CAUSING A WAXY SMELL AND TASTE. THE COMPANY SAYS CONSUMERS SHOULD NOT EAT THEM AND CONTACT THE COMPANY FOR A REPLACEMENT COUPON.

=====JUNE 29, 2010

=====OBESITY REPORT (18 SEC)
ADULT OBESITY RATES INCREASED IN 28 STATES IN THE PAST YEAR, AND DECLINED ONLY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (D.C.), ACCORDING TO *F AS IN FAT: HOW OBESITY THREATENS AMERICA'S FUTURE 2010*, A REPORT FROM THE TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH AND THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION. MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF STATES (38) HAVE ADULT OBESITY RATES ABOVE 25 PERCENT. IN 1991, NO STATE HAD AN OBESITY RATE ABOVE 20 PERCENT. THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS TROUBLING RACIAL, ETHNIC, REGIONAL AND INCOME DISPARITIES IN THE NATION'S OBESITY EPIDEMIC. FOR INSTANCE, ADULT OBESITY RATES FOR BLACKS AND LATINOS WERE HIGHER THAN FOR WHITES IN AT LEAST 40 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; 10 OUT OF THE 11 STATES WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF OBESITY WERE IN THE SOUTH -- WITH MISSISSIPPI WEIGHING IN WITH HIGHEST RATES FOR ALL ADULTS FOR THE SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW.

=====JUNE 30, 2010

=====ACLU ALERTS TRAVELING TO AZ (18 SEC)

IN RESPONSE TO CIVIL LIBERTIES THREATS CAUSED BY THE RECENT PASSAGE OF ARIZONA'S RACIAL PROFILING LAW, STATE-BASED AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION AFFILIATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE ISSUING TRAVEL ALERTS INFORMING INDIVIDUALS OF THEIR RIGHTS WHEN STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN TRAVELING IN ARIZONA. THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW, KNOWN AS SB 1070, REQUIRES LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS TO DEMAND "PAPERS" FROM PEOPLE THEY STOP WHO THEY SUSPECT ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE IN THE U.S. IF INDIVIDUALS ARE UNABLE TO PROVE TO OFFICERS THAT THEY ARE PERMITTED TO BE IN THE U.S., THEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO WARRANTLESS ARREST WITHOUT ANY PROBABLE CAUSE THAT THEY HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME.